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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed on October 13, 2006. While the shortened statutory period for response has expired, filed herewith is a Petition for a five month extension of time to extend the period for response to <u>April 13, 2007</u>. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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